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In accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:122E-2.6(a)," the Division representative (Worker) shall notify each parent who retains legal rights to the child and any relative who visits, when the child in placement will be removed or has been removed in an emergency.

The Division representative (Worker) shall notify the Deputy Attorney General responsible for the case when a child in placement will be removed or has been removed in an emergency when:

- the child in placement is the subject of a case in litigation.
- commencement of guardianship litigation for the child in placement is imminent. (N.J.A.C. 10:122E-2.6(b))"
- the child has been in the care of the foster parents continuously for 2 years or more.
- the child has been in the care of the foster parents for a significant length of time and the foster parents have reason to believe that they would have been permitted to adopt the child when the child was legally free.

"The Division representative (Worker) shall notify the Child Placement Review Board, the family part of the Chancery Division of the Superior Court, and the child's Law Guardian, if any, when there is a change in placement of any child in placement known to the court. (N.J.A.C. 10:122E-2.6(c))

The Division representative (Worker) who removes the child in placement shall notify each other Division representative (Worker) who supervises a child in placement in the resource family home and the Resource Family Support Unit that supervises the resource family home about the removal. (N.J.A.C. 10:122E-2.6(d))

The Division representative (Worker) shall inform the resource family parent immediately of the removal and the reasons for removal if the child in placement was not removed directly from his or her physical care. The Division representative (Worker) shall also inform the child's parent as soon as possible after the child is placed. If there is a difference of opinion between the resource family parent and the Division representative regarding the removal, the Division representative (Worker) shall inform the resource family parent in writing of the reasons for the decision, whether the resource family parent may have the right to appeal, and that to appeal the removal, the procedures in N.J.A.C. 10:120A (CP&P-IV-B-7-500) shall be followed. (N.J.A.C. 10:122E-2.6(e))

The Division representative shall inform the child in placement, the resource family parent, the parent, and any appropriate contacts at least 30 days prior to the move when the child will be removed to further or achieve the case goal or as soon as possible when a court order is being followed. (N.J.A.C. 10:122E-2.3(b))"